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GERMANY'S REPARATIONS OFFER.

Three International Loans Proposed.

Ruhr Evacuation Insisted On.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, May 2.

The German Note to the Allies offers thirty milliard gold marks payable by means of three international loans, namely one of twenty milliard and two of five milliard. Germany offers as guarantee her entire economic wealth, and alternatively suggests that reference of the whole reparations problem be made to an international commission. She says that passive resistance will continue until the Ruhr be evacuated.

Later.

Germany proposes that twenty milliard of gold marks be raised by a bond issue at normal rates on the international money market before July 1, 1927, five milliard before July 1, 1929, and five before July 1, 1931. The first twenty milliard shall be offered for subscription immediately. The interest on the bonds up to July 1, 1927, shall be paid in a special fund under the control of the Reparations Commission. If the twenty milliard cannot be raised by a loan before July 1, 1927, interest at the rate of five per cent. shall be paid thereon from that date, also one per cent. amortisation. If the two milliard of five milliard each cannot be raised fully before the date fixed, an impartial international commission shall decide whether, when, and how, the amount outstanding can be raised. Germany will also make payments in kind in accordance with existing treaties, to an extent still to be determined.

"The Utmost Limit".

The Note declares that the proposal is the utmost limit of Germany's economic capacity, after the weakening of the German economic organism by the occupation of the Ruhr. The German government even gravely doubts whether it does not exceed Germany's capacity; but if the other side does not share this view the whole reparations problem should be decided by an international commission free from all political influence. The fulfilment of Germany's obligations depends on the stabilisation of German currency, to which it is essential that in future there be no more forcible seizures or sanctions. Germany is prepared to accept any agreement, binding both on Germany and on France, to submit all conflicts which cannot be settled diplomatically to arbitration, or reconciliation. The starting point of negotiations must be the earliest possible evacuation of the Ruhr and restoration of conditions in the Rhineland according to the Rhineland agreement, as well as the liberation of the arrested Germans and the return of German exiles.

As the German Note confirms the cable forecast, it may be taken for granted that the French Government regards the proposals as entirely unacceptable as a basis for discussion.

ELEVATION OF NAVAL GUNS.

Britain and America Abandon Idea.

London, May 2.

In the House of Commons, Viscount Curzon asked for information regarding the elevation of the range of heavy guns in the British and American fleets, in view of recent remarks on the subject by the Secretary to the United States Navy. Comdr. Egges-Monsell gave the figures, whereupon Comdr. C. Bellairs asked whether, as the Japanese also intended to increase the elevation of the guns on all their capital ships, we should not communicate with both Governments with a view to stopping this further race in armaments. Comdr. Egges-Monsell replied that we do not propose to alter the elevation of our guns, and although the Americans had appropriated money for this purpose they had abandoned the idea on our assurance that we were not going to do so (Cheers). He added that Comdr. Bellairs had raised an entirely different question.

NEW DRY LAW TO BE TESTED.

Novel Charge Against a Tug.

Washington, May 2.

The Government has decided to enforce the new prohibition regulations on June 15, in order to afford time to work out agreements with foreign Governments. In the meantime the coastguards on the Atlantic have been ordered to concentrate on the New Jersey coast in order to prevent landings from the principal rum fleet.

A message from New York states that a test case is promised by the capture of the tug Alexander Clark, accused of provisioning an anchored rum ship and conspiring to violate the prohibition law, and engaging in foreign trade with only a coastal license.

THOSE CHINESE EGGS.

Another Fault Discovered.

London, May 2.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope Simpson declared that dried eggs imported from China were liable to contain zinc oxide, derived from the zinc plates on which the eggs were dried. Large quantities of these eggs had been excluded from the United States on this account. He suggested that steps should be taken to ensure that dried eggs imported into England were free from deleterious ingredients, and were suitable for use in the preparation of food-stuffs. Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied that he had no information, but was inquiring into the matter.

THE CHESTER CONCESSIONS.

Some Territorial Infringements.

London, May 2.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Lt. Col. A. H. H. stated that the Government had just received a voluminous document comprising the whole of the Chester Concessions in China. The acting British High Commissioner at Constantinople had been instructed to protest emphatically against the Turkish Government's grant of rights within the borders of Iraq, and to state that the validity of such a grant will not be recognised by Great Britain.

HONGKONG NAVAL & MILITARY HOSPITALS.

Why Amalgamation Cannot be Considered.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 2.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Graham Stewart, Colonel Amery said that after careful consideration by the Admiralty and the Committee on the amalgamation of services common to the Navy, Army and Air Force, it was concluded that there would not be a sufficient margin of accommodation if the Naval and Military Hospitals in Hongkong were amalgamated. This would be especially the case as regards officers, as there were only six beds for officers in the Military Hospital.

N. Y. K. PASSAGE FARES.

Reduction in Sterling Rates.

London, May 2.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha announces that it has reduced its passage fares to Ceylon, the Straits, China and Japan by £10 to £19 for first-class and £6 to £16 second-class, beginning with the sailing of the Kashima Maru from London on May 12th.

EXPANSION OF PAN-AMERICAN UNION.

Santiago de Chile, May 2.

The plenary session of the Pan American Conference has approved of the compromise method, constituting a governing board of the Pan American Union, whereby every American country shall be represented. The scheme provides that any country not represented diplomatically at Washington may choose one of its citizens to sit on the board. The delegates adopted the political committee's recommendations for reorganisation of the Union and extension of its sphere of activity. Permanent committees are being appointed to develop the economic and commercial relations between the member nations.

ABYSSINIAN SLAVERY QUESTION.

London, May 2.

A White Paper containing the correspondence with regard to slavery in Abyssinia contains the report of the British Legation at Addis Ababa, dated March 30, 1922, which denies the statement that the slave trade in Abyssinia has increased, and points out that the slave-producing districts are being gradually depopulated, and the frontiers of Abyssinia now march everywhere with those of the civilised Powers.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

London, May 2.

The result of the Two Thousand Guineas was as follows:

Ellangowan (7/1)	1.
Knockando (25/1)	2.
D'Onay (50/1)	3.

Eighteen ran. Won by a head, with half a length between second and third.

A MERCHANT'S LOSSES IN RUBBER.

London, May 2.

In the Bankruptcy Court Cecil Shragar, merchant, in a statement of his affairs, showed that his liabilities amounted to £258,000 and his assets to £134,000. His losses in differences on rubber contracts since January 1st, 1922, amounted to £141,000. He attributed his failure to illness, and the fall of the price of rubber. The examination was adjourned.

A DIPLOMATIC LUNCHEON.

London, May 2.

H.E. Mr. Chao Hsin-Chu gave a farewell luncheon to Physa Sanpitch, the Siamese Charge d' Affaires in London, who is taking up the post of Siamese Minister at Rome. The Italian Ambassador and Mr. Fan Yuan-lien were present.

EGYPTIAN MURDER CAMPAIGN.

Cairo, May 2.

A number of arrests were made this morning of persons believed to be concerned in a murder campaign. Much importance is attached to the step. It is understood that well-known persons associated with the Wafd are involved.

JAPANESE PRINCESS TO UNDERGO OPERATION.

Paris, May 2.

Princess Kitashirakawa have been moved from Bernay this morning to Professor Harman's nursing home in Paris, where he will undergo an operation in a few days' time.

THE ANNUAL EVENT.

Paris, May 2.

Sixty-one police were injured, mostly slightly, on May Day. One had serious knife wounds. Sixty arrests were effected, and fifteen persons have been detained.

IRISH REBELS EXECUTED.

London, May 2.

Two irregulars were executed at Ennis, Co. Clare, after being convicted of killing a Free State soldier and also possessing revolvers.

(Other Telegrams on Page 3.)

HONGKONG'S GOVERNOR.

Likely to be Reappointed.

A writer in a recent issue of the London Daily Sketch says: "I hear that Sir Reginald Stubbs, Governor of Hongkong, whose term of office will shortly expire is likely to be reappointed."

His success has been largely due to the experience he gained of our Eastern Colonies during the special mission upon which he was sent by the Colonial Office in 1910. His report is still used as a guide by the Eastern Department of the Colonial Office.

ALLEGED POLICE TORTURE.

Japanese Detective Gets Off.

Shanghai, May 3.—At a preliminary hearing of the case against Detective Sergeant Kajima on a charge of using the "third degree" to obtain confessions from a Chinese prisoner, in the Japanese Police Court yesterday, the Public Prosecutor found the accused not guilty of the charges, the evidence being insufficient to frame a prima facie charge.—Reuter.

CANTON LULL.

Everybody on the Alert.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 2.

The situation remains about the same, as far as can be seen. News is very scarce, but there seems to be a temporary cessation of hostilities, at least during the last few days, the number of dead bodies floating down the river has diminished. At the same time the military and police in the city are very much on the qui vive, and the big stores and streets are all ready with their protective barricades against an emergency.

The collection of transport coolies continues, and bunches of coolies tied together with ropes, to prevent their escaping, can often be seen marching along under police escort.

Labour Day passed quietly. The large stores were closed and there was a parade by some thousands of representatives of the various Guilds, who marched through the streets with flags and banners, many of which were inscribed with sentences expressing disapproval of Shum Hung-ying and advocating his defeat, or with other political catchwords. The Guilds are, however, reserving their chief celebration for the 5th of May, which is the anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's assumption of the Presidency, when a monster parade, fireworks and other distractions are to play a part.

An attempt to put down unauthorised gambling is being made by Gen. Yeung Hi-man, the C-in-C. of the Yunnanese troops, who has issued a strict order that any unauthorised gamblers caught are to be shot at once.

The Military Operations.

Another correspondent informs us that according to a report from the North River river district the Yunnan troops captured Ching Yuen city on April 27th, but they lost it again on the following day when large Kwangsi reinforcements arrived. An official report says that the Cantonese forces captured Fa Yuen city on the 29th, but severe fighting is still proceeding.

A report from the East River district states that Yueng Kwang-yu's force which has declared its independence, has begun its march on Sheklung, but the Cantonese troops are barring way, skirmishes have taken place, and reinforcements are being sent from Canton.

From the western district it is reported that Shikung city is still in the hands of the Kwangsi troops, and more men are daily arriving from Wuchow. The Cantonese forces are planning to capture Samahul.

THE NANYANG APPEAL.

Factory or Domestic Tenement?

The appeal by the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Company against a decision given by the Chief Justice in favour of the Procureur General in Hongkong for the Society des Missions Etrangeres, in respect of possession of premises occupied by the Nanyang in Caroline Hill Road, was continued to-day. The Court consists of the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Reed-Davies), Sir Skinner Turner (Judge of H.B.M. Court in China) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. H.H.J. Gompertz). Counsel engaged in the case are Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. and Mr. E. J. Zeitlyn, for the appellants, and Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the respondents.

When the case came up in July last year the Chief Justice held that premises did not come within the meaning of the Rents Ordinance, and in support of his submissions he gave a case in England where a bank manager lived on the premises of his bank, and as a result, in a Court case which arose, the whole banking premises were held to be a domestic tenement.

This morning Mr. Potter replied. Their Lordships had seen the premises which were the subject matter of the appeal, and counsel asked them, putting aside for the moment the Rents Ordinance, how would they, or any other man, describe what they had seen. Counsel thought they would say that they had seen a busy cigarette factory, employing thousands of hands, with modern machinery, which they had been told, turned out 10,000,000 cigarettes a day. In the Court below they had been told by Mr. Alabaster that this factory or this domestic tenement was responsible for \$400,000 a year profit. If it was a domestic tenement, it was a highly artificial one, Mr. Potter contended. Counsel also mentioned that in the premises were stored \$2,000,000 worth of tobacco.

When they looked at the cases decided under the Home Acts, Counsel continued, they would find that it was laid down in the clearest language, that what the learned Judge was called upon to decide was to say to himself, "what is really and substantially the use of these premises?" Counsel's interpretation of the Act was that the Judge had to go and look at the premises and say was it a factory or what was it.

If Mr. Alabaster's construction of the Ordinance were correct, then occupation by one man, say, the secretary, would be sufficient to make the premises a domestic tenement.

TO-DAY.

Closing Exchange 5s. 4 1/2d.
Barometer 2 p.m. 29.79.
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High Tide 10.33 a.m. Low Water 5.49 p.m.
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News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The second and last concert in aid of Welfare Work in London will be given at Government House on the 8th inst. at 9.15 p.m. Particulars are given on page 4.

A notice concerning Suzuki and Co., Ltd., appears on page 4.

Watson's have received a fine selection of Bathing Caps.—Page 6.

"Intolerance" is being screened at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12.

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"The Forbidden Woman" is the title of the attraction at the Star Theatre.—Page 12.

For particulars of forthcoming auction sales refer to Page 4.

For bouques and flats to let refer to Page 4.

At the World Theatre "Her Majesty" is being shown.—Page 12.

Counsel took as an illustration the electric light works. He did not suppose it was uncommon for engineers to do four-hour shifts and then to lie down and sleep there, but Mr. Potter's contention was that that would not make the premises a human habitation.

What was the class of habitation contemplated by the Ordinance? counsel asked. His submission was that what the Ordinance intended was to protect a man in his dwelling house. The Court had to look at the whole Act. Mr. Potter submitted that to-morrow morning the Nanyang Bros. could tell their supervisors sleeping on the premises that they had to quit and go back to their homes. The supervisors could not say that the premises were a domestic tenement. They were merely there as employees. It did not pretend to be a domestic tenement. Like the engineer who slept beside his engines, those people on the premises were merely there for the purpose of business. They were given bed space merely for the purpose of having them on the spot in the morning.

Mr. Potter then argued the legal aspects of the case. Proceeding.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Estimates.

The Director of Education (the

Hon. Mr. E. H. Irving) presided

over a meeting of the Board of

Education held in the Sanitary

Board room yesterday afternoon.

The members present were the

Rev. T. W. Pearce, Rev. Fr. H.

Valtorta, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. H. B.

L. Dowbiggin, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-

Netto, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. U.

Rumjahn, Dr. Wan Man-kai, Mr.

E. Ralphs (Inspector of English

Schools), Mr. R. A. D. Forrest

(acting Inspector of Vernacular

Schools) and Mr. T. P. Law

(Secretary).

The Late Rev. Fr. P. de Maria.

Members stood in their places

while the Director of Education

read a letter from Bishop Pozzoni

conveying the sad news of the

death of the Rev. Fr. P. de Maria,

a member of the Board. The

Chairman said he was sure he

was expressing the wishes of the

Board when he proposed that

members record their deep sym-

pathy at the death of the Rev.

Fr. P. de Maria, who had, ever

since he could first remember him

—and that was for a period of

over 22 years—been an ardent,

enthusiastic and self-sacrificing

worker in the cause of education.

Members to Visit Grant Schools.

Mr. Wylie asked whether any

communications had been received

from the Government regarding:

(1) the Sub-Committee's report

on British education, and (2),

authorising the members of the

Board to visit in an official capacity

the educational establishments of

the Colony?

The Chairman replied that with

regard to the Sub-Committee's

report on British education he had

received no communication excepting

an expression of thanks to the

members, which had already been

circulated. As soon as any further

communication came to hand he

would notify members. As to the

second point, relating to the authorisation

of members to visit Grant schools,

that had already been approved

and the Grant Code amended

accordingly. Copies of the Code

containing the amendment would

be sent to members.

The Estimates.

Mr. Wylie moved:

"That a Sub-Committee of

this Board be appointed to con-

sider the proposals of the Hon.

Director of Education with re-

gard to the Estimates for the

Education Department for the

year 1924."

Mr. Wylie's reason for moving

the resolution was, he said, a

very simple one. He was appointed

to the Board in October of last

year and on November 4th he

attended his first meeting. At

that meeting the Estimates for

1923 were laid upon the table

and he was asked to say whether

he had approved of the Govern-

ment's proposals. He did not

think for a moment that members

of the Board were actually thirsting

to go into figures, much of which

must be of a stereotyped char-

acter. They felt that it was not

inconceivable that in regard to

important changes they might be

able to offer some useful advice.

When they considered the large

amount of money spent on educa-

tion in the Colony he thought

there was every reason why the

Board should be in the possession

of full information regarding the

proposed financial appropriations

for the coming year. They wanted

to feel sure that the money was

spent to the best possible ad-

vantage. He went so far as to

say that an opportunity of analysing the proposed expenditure should be given to the Board not so much as a concession but as a right. They had been frequently reminded that members of the Board had been appointed to advise the Director of Education in educational matters and he therefore thought that the Chairman would agree with him that the financial question was a very important one.

"Vote Face" Alleged.

Rev. T. W. Pearce seconded the resolution.

Mr. Silva-Netto, in supporting,

concurred in what Mr. Wylie had

said, and congratulated the Board

on the very conciliatory manner

in which the proposal had been

received by the Hon. Director of

Education. Hitherto the officials

of the Education Department, who

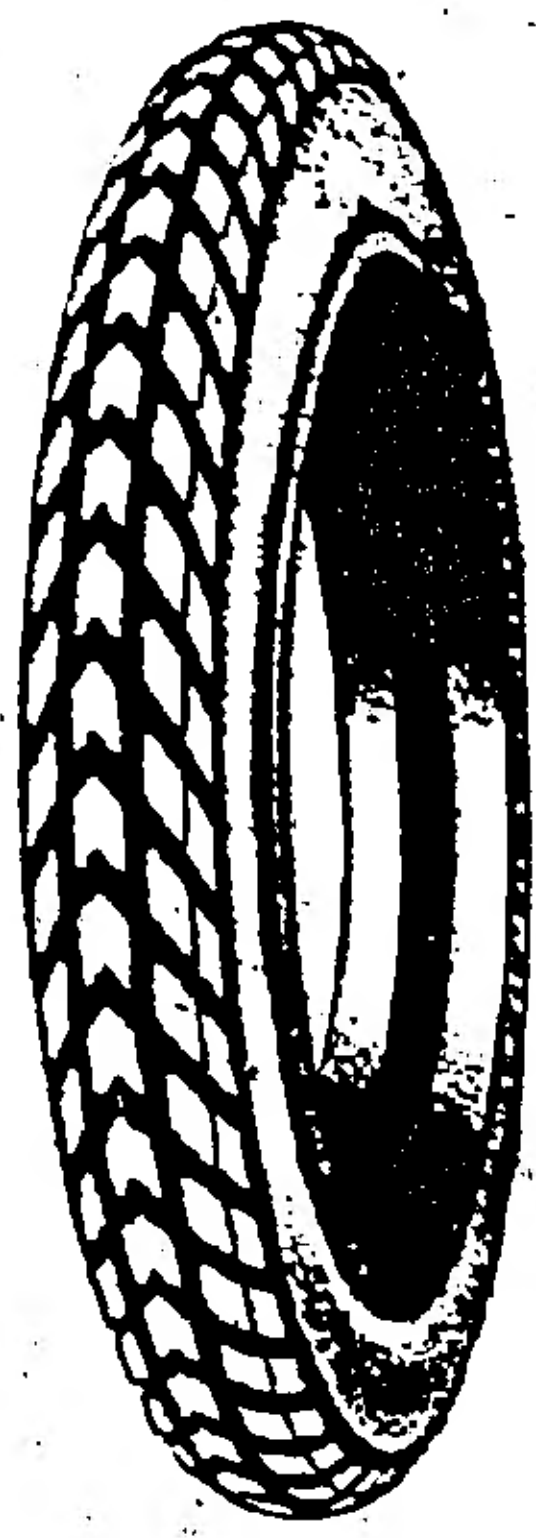
were members of the Board, had

adopted a different attitude, and

he welcomed the change very

much indeed. It was exceedingly

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CHINESE BUSINESS.

Hongkong Chamber's Yearly Report.

Chinese trade in Hongkong last year was anything but good, according to the annual report compiled by Mr. Ip Lan chuen, Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, just presented for the information of the mercantile community. The report is in Chinese and deals briefly with the most important branches of business in the Colony. The introductory remarks mention the disastrous effects to Chinese trade, particularly of Kwangtung province, from the frequent political storms in China in recent years. The reason of the fact that Hongkong is the leading commercial port in South China and has important trade connections with Kwangtung, local trade has suffered considerably since the establishment of the Republican Government in China. It has been involved in every one of the constant political upheavals which have marked the existence of the comparatively young Republic. The beginning of the year under review saw the big strike, which lasted several months, affecting almost all kinds of trade in Hongkong, and "exhausting the life breath of trade." Matters did not improve at the end of the strike; in fact they were aggravated by the political unrest which broke out twice at Canton. In Canton last year, it need hardly be said that not one single branch of business prospered, and Hongkong was not much better off. Of local business houses, about seventy per cent had fair returns, and about ten per cent actually reaped good profits. The preamble concludes by exhorting business men to do their level best this year to secure the maintenance of trade.

Principal Trades.

We publish below reports of the principal trades: Rice.—Dealers with Annam made good profits; merchants with connections with Tonkin had fair returns, while local retailers suffered badly. The export business is in grave danger of collapse owing to the fact that places which have hitherto obtained supplies through Hongkong have begun to deal direct with the producing centres. Cotton Yarn.—Due to a variety of reasons there was very little demand for the greater part of the year. In the eleventh and twelfth months things brightened up a little, when the quotations increased; but what little profits were made as a result were not sufficient to cover the losses in the slack months. The majority of local dealers suffered losses.

Banking.—This was the only bright spot in the year's trade. Three or four banks registered about \$200,000 profits each. Partly on account of the change in the system of making loans on security instead of promissory notes, and partly to the turbulent state of affairs in the interior, which caused the people in Canton and other places to deposit their money with local banks, the year was a highly successful one. Indeed there was no stringency in the money market at any time.

Piercings.—Largely due to the interruption of import and export caused by the seamen's strike, not one firm escaped loss up to the tenth month. However, with the eleventh month prices in England suddenly increased and many firms were able to recoup themselves by disposing of accumulated stocks at good prices. Gold leaf.—Comparatively speaking last year was not one third as good as the preceding twelve months. The Straits Settlements, Bangkok, Annam and India were formerly the chief consuming countries. As a result of the low price of the commodity, the high cost of living and the increased import duty at the above places, Hongkong business suffered extensively.

Mostly Losses.

Flour.—There were more losers than profit makers. The import statistics showed that the supply from America amounted to 4,000,000 bags, and from Shanghai and Australia 1,000,000 bags each. Gunny bags.—"So so" was the general report. After the tenth month the price rose considerably, thus helping dealers to tide over the difficulties of the preceding months.

Metal ware.—In striking contrast with the beginning of the year, dealers enjoyed unusually good business during the last few months. Most firms showed creditable balance sheets. Poultry.—Business was very bad. Two new laws, or wholesale depots, were opened and keen competition was experienced. The

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION.

London, May 2. A procession of May Day demonstrators visited the Japanese Embassy, where a deputation presented a copy of the resolution adopted in Hyde Park. Subsequently the men's leader announced that the Ambassador was not present, but the Embassy promised a reply, which would be submitted to the workers on Sunday.

Another member of the deputation declared that the Embassy intimated that the matter could not be discussed on the ground that such procedure was calculated to disturb harmonious relations. The speaker said that harmonious relations between organised labour of Britain and the Japanese Government were impossible until the latter withdrew troops from Russian territory. The proceedings were orderly throughout.

The *Morning Post*, deriding the demonstration outside the Japanese Embassy with regard to Saghalien, declares that the name of British Labour was taken in vain by a gang of aliens who are Bolshevik Government agents in Britain. It hopes the Japanese Government will understand that the demonstration is an organised lie and fraudulent representation, and that the British working man knows and cares nothing for the question at issue.

FRANCE AND TURKEY.

London, May 2. Franco-Turkish relations are becoming distinctly unfriendly. *Le Figaro's* correspondent at Constantinople says that the French Charge d'Affaires, in a communication to Adnan Bey, the Civil Governor, warns him of the possible grave consequences of the concentration of troops on the Syrian frontier and points out that France will be compelled to take precautionary military measures.

Paris, May 2. In a bitter outburst, Raouf Bey, President of the Council of Commissioners, who, in discussing the Franco-Turkish agreement negotiated with Mr. Franklin Bouillon, denied that Turkish policy has changed, and charged France with not exhibiting the goodwill which Turkey expected from the agreement.

Constantinople, May 2. The French Charge d'Affaires has handed a note to the Turkish Government declaring that unless concentrations of Turkish troops on the Syrian frontier are immediately withdrawn France will abandon the Lausanne Conference.

THE ARREST OF VON BOEHLEN.

Berlin, May 2. Herr Krupp von Bohlen has been lodged in Werden military prison. It is stated that he has insufficiently explained the serious shooting incident at Essen on Easter Saturday, wherein his responsibility is involved. He will probably be tried on 4th May with thirteen other Krupp directors, who are indicted on charges of endangering the safety of the occupation troops, which offence is punishable by death, and of inciting to commit public acts of violence. Six of the indicted directors have departed from the Ruhr to avoid arrest.

SINGAPORE AS A NAVAL BASE.

London, May 2. At the conclusion of the debate on the Naval vote for Singapore, Mr. Lambert moved his amendment for reduction of the vote as a protest against the expenditure on Singapore. The long debate then wound up.

Mr. Amery said we were at present helpless in Far Eastern waters and dependent upon the goodwill of a friendly Power. He denied that the scheme infringed the spirit of the Washington Treaty. The amendment was rejected by 253 votes to 94 and the vote carried.

THE PROHIBITION LAW.

Washington, May 2. "Every agency at my command will be used to enforce the law without favour, partiality or distinction." With this firm declaration Mr. Dougherty announces the Government intention, after thirty days, to begin vigorously to enforce the Prohibition law against American and foreign ships carrying liquor within United States territorial limits.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

Washington, May 2. It is learned that President Harding does not intend to carry on a campaign in favour of American participation in the Court of International Justice, but is willing to let "deliberate public opinion assert itself on the issue."

only consolation for the twelve months was that there had been few bad debts.

Sugar.—The prices were very stable until the eleventh and twelfth months, when there was an increase of \$4 to \$5 per picul. Not one firm failed to make money.

Groundnuts: "A fall of one thousand *changs* (10,000 Chinese feet)" was the description of the extent of the decrease in business.

Foreigners lost all confidence in the integrity of Chinese exporters as a result of shipments being found in a mouldy and rotting state on arrival at foreign ports.

Nam Pak and Kau Pak Hong. —With the exception of those carrying on rice and sugar business, all firms suffered greatly, due to the unsettled conditions at Canton, the high rents and cost of living and the general increase in expenditure.

Coal.—There was keen competition throughout the year. Business was but fair.

Leather.—The popularity of footwear with rubber soles was chiefly responsible for unsatisfactory returns. Not a few firms lost money.

The Marriage Boom.

Restaurants.—To the marriage boom was attributed a successful year. Cupid was particularly busy in the last two or three months, as this is said to be an unlucky year for nuptial ceremonies. All restaurants catering for marriage dinners made "huge profits."

Boarding houses.—The occasional influx of refugees from Canton and other places due to political turmoil resulted in good takings.

Shipping.—Business was very bad owing to the increasing cost of labour and for other reasons.

Live stock.—The strike at the beginning of the year stopped the supply. The year was not satisfactory.

Import and Export firms.—As at many other ports business was bad. Owing to the fact that not many firms had agents abroad, advice was generally unreliable. The resuscitation of German firms in Hongkong and neighbouring places has been followed by keen competition, which is sure to undercut trade. Many firms are in danger of closing down.

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The Asano dry docks, which have been under construction at Hashimoto-cho, Kanagawa, Yokohama, have been completed and were formally opened recently. Mr. S. Asano, President of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, was the chief speaker. A large number of shipping men in Yokohama attended the event.

The T.K.K. freight ship Peayo Maru entered one of the docks and will undergo repairs there. The docks are divided into two compartments, each of which is 672 feet long, 120 feet wide and 43 feet deep. They are capable of receiving vessels up to 20,000 tons including cargo.

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Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members Enclosure.

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The Stewards invite the ladies of Hongkong to be present.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the undersigned on Thursday, the 10th May 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1922.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 26th instant to the 10th April 1923, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 25th April 1923 to 5th May 1923 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

S. J. JORDAIN,

Secretary.

WONDERS IN YUCATAN.

Mexico Offers Rich Field to Archaeologists.

Now is the time for scientists to undertake investigations among the ancient Maya ruins of Yucatan, according to Dr. M. H. Saville of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, Broadway, who returned recently from Yucatan.

With a party consisting of William Barclay Parsons, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Archaeological Institute of America; Dr. John C. Merriam, President of the Carnegie Institution; and Dr. Herbert J. Spinden of the Peabody Museum, Harvard.

Dr. Saville set out for Yucatan more than a month ago to inspect the most famous of the Maya ruins at Chichen Itza and Uxmal, and to be present at the formal opening of the Archaeological Institute of Yucatan.

"Yucatan offers an embarrassment of riches to the archaeologist," Dr. Saville said. "It is still a virgin field. In consideration of the work yet to be done, that so far accomplished amounts to barely more than the turning of a spadeful of earth. The Maya ruins are the most remarkable of ancient America. The astonishing thing is that they have remained so long untouched."

"They appeal to me more strongly than ancient Egyptian remains. We have learned a great deal about ancient Egypt, but we know extremely little of these highly cultured Mayas. It is high time that we were waking up to the significance of these remains."

"Conditions are ripe for archaeological work in Yucatan. There is a great awakening of interest in Maya civilization among the citizens of Yucatan. The present Governor, Felipe Carrillo, a descendant of the ancient Mayas, is enthusiastic about the exploration of the ruins, and the Government of Mexico is friendly. The Archaeological Institute of Yucatan, to the best of my knowledge the first society of its kind in Latin America organized to preserve and explore monuments of ancient civilization, shows that Mexico is waking up to the fact that it has something worth looking after."

Dr. Saville said that on account of the great revival of road building in Mexico, tourists can visit the ruins quickly and comfortably.

MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM IN THE EAST.

Mr. Somerset Maugham, author of "East of Suez" and more recently of "A Chinese Screen" as well as many other works of fiction and plays with Asiatic settings, has been in Kyoto for a short visit and later in Tokyo and Yokohama. Mr. Maugham had been stopping recently in Peking, where the scenes of some of his best work are laid, and arrived in Japan after the journey via Manchuria and Korea.

CALCUTTA SWEEP.

What is Happening This Time.

It is amazing what a world-wide interest there is in the sporting chance and mammoth sweepstakes in particular.

Every week the editor of the *Sporting Times*, London, finds his postbag full of letters from men and women—from the Orkneys to far Mesopotamia—clamouring for information about the Calcutta and the newer Irish sweepstakes. It is obviously impossible to give satisfactory answers in every case.

What is happening to the Calcutta Sweep?

Every fresh news from India seems to relate a different story, says the *Rangoon Times*. It is, of course, well-known that there were abuses last year. Even advertising firms secured blocks of tickets and began to encourage extra trade by giving them away in prizes. A police-court summons for infringing the many-sided Lottery Acts promptly followed, and the idea was soon quashed.

The Calcutta Turf Club acted at once, too, by cancelling the whole block of tickets which were being used for the purpose. Profiteering over here (England) became rampant, too, but should not be lost sight of that, to secure any substantial number of tickets to oblige a host of friends—many of whom incidentally forget to pay when they draw a blank—it has been necessary to resort to middlemen.

A Calcutta ticket often passed through a dozen hands after it was nominally issued to a member of the club. The Calcutta Turf Club is not merely a social circle, it is the governing body of racing there. And functions like our Jockey Club does. The sweepstakes was originally merely a club affair, and it is supposed still to be the same, but it grew and grew until, candidly, it is a bit of a Frankenstein now to the officials. A club can, of course, keep within the law in these matters, but it is near the truth to state that the Calcutta Sweep is more or less tolerated because of its influential connections, its straight dealings and its enormous popularity.

RECORD IN PRIZES.

Others who have tried to run sweepstakes in Calcutta, with a nominal "club" backbone, have soon found that what is sauce for the goose is not necessarily sauce for the gander. Some "naked" people have, however, been trying to make trouble in India again this year, and it is freely said that the police authorities over here are not looking kindly at England being "flooded"—as was the case last year, though the club tried to prevent it—with these Calcutta tickets for the Derby.

As is well-known, the amount paid out in prizes last year constituted a record; if everybody could have secured a ticket who wanted one, the first prize would have been worth a million pounds! Of course, the Turf Club take a nice percentage for expenses, but it can be made clear that its main purpose was a sporting and not a profit-making one.

The late Lord Marcus Beresford and other members have not done badly at times by buying shares in tickets from those who were only too anxious to hedge and have a nice fat cheque guaranteed whatever happened to the horses they had drawn, but that, of course, is only a side issue. A stand member of the Royal Calcutta Turf Club recently wrote his view of the whole situation and perhaps we cannot do better than quote some of his remarks and facts. He points out that over there—repressive action might be initiated by the Bengal Legislative Council, but he does not think that such a move would be made if the club itself decided on its own semi-repressive measures—in other words, limited the supply of tickets which annually reach non-members.

WHY IT IS ALLOWED.

We have already suggested that doubtless many wonder why such a sweep-stake has existed all these years, despite the "anti" legislation throughout our Empire against a lottery in any disguise. The authority quoted puts the whys and wherefores in a nutshell when he explains that:

"The reason is that it is purely a club sweep, against the operation which existing Indian legislation has no power. The Turf Club recognises no holder of a ticket other than the member of the club—the purchaser of the ticket whose name appears thereon."

There is nothing to prevent the member from drawing the money on a winning ticket and sticking to it—nothing but expulsion from membership of

RUSSIAN CONGRESS.

Speeches by Kamenev and Zinoviev.

Moscow, April 19.—The Congress of the Russian Communist Party was opened by a speech from Mr. Kamenev, Acting Chairman of the Council of People's Commissaries, saying that the illness of Mr. Lenin is grave but not hopeless, it is caused by tremendous overwork, but at present the danger has passed, and the doctors attending him state that there is a great improvement and of seeing him again at the helm of the revolution.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Mr. Zinoviev spoke after Mr. Kamenev on behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. He opened his speech by repeating Mr. Lenin's declaration at the previous Congress to the effect that it was time to abandon entirely a yielding and wavering attitude in connexion with the new economic policy.

Mr. Zinoviev on behalf of the Central Committee declared that the Party had carried out the declaration. In the sphere of international politics Soviet Russia at Genoa and The Hague had refused to make concessions to the bourgeoisie who attempted to enslave Russia. However, this had not prevented the revival of commercial relations between Russia and foreign countries.

At the basis of Russia's foreign policy there lay a co-ordination of action between the awakening East and the countries oppressed by the imperialism of the Entente. At the same time Russia was glad to notice any sign of a rapprochement between herself and the Entente Powers because the majority of the labour masses were undoubtedly on the side of Russia.

THE PRELATES' TRIAL.

Referring to the calumnious campaign against Russia in connexion with the trial of Czeplak and Budkiewicz, Mr. Zinoviev said that Russia would never admit any pressure from without and would never grant personal immunity to spies in priestly robes.

Speaking of the possibility of war in future, Mr. Zinoviev did not deny that it might happen but pointed out the endeavour of Russia to put off as long as possible the moment when she might be entangled in a new European squabble.

On the question of foreign trade, Zinoviev, referring to the well-known opinion of Mr. Lenin, said that the monopoly of foreign trade would of course remain as before. Mr. Zinoviev pointed out the considerable growth of Russia's imports and said that in the opinion of Mr. Krassin, People's Commissary for Foreign Trade, it was quite possible that in two or three years Russia would have an active trade balance. There were a good many seeking concessions in Russia, and twenty-six concessions agreements had been already signed, giving Russia over thirty million gold roubles of invested capital and fifteen millions of a trade credit.

INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL.

Surveying internal politics, Mr. Zinoviev said that the new economic policy was introduced in order to bring peasants and workers closer to each other and to create thereby a firmer basis for the industrial revival. One could now see, with feelings of satisfaction, the great progress in the electrification, in the coal and oil production, and in the light industry. The sowing area had been increased by seventeen per cent and it was expected that the crop this year would yield three and a half milliard poods of grain. It was necessary to take into consideration the interests of the peasants and to pursue a very careful policy of taxation. The prices of grain must be straightened out as they affected agriculture, very seriously. Mr. Zinoviev finally declared that all those problems could be solved on condition that the influence of the Communist Party was preserved and the unity of action and thought within the party maintained.—Rosta cable to *For Eastern Times*.

A BARRARY SEAPORT.

Church of the Black Madonna.

High on the cliffs of Bousarea above the projecting point of E. Kattani—the bowprit of Africa—stands the Church of the Black Madonna, the "Marinon" Chapel of the old Barbary seaport of Algiers, writes an Observer correspondent. Loftily perched and facing seaward, like a look-out man on the fo'ble head, the tall church seems to be trying to glimpse through the glare of the African sun and across 500 miles of liquid history, its sister seaman's church, Notre Dame de la Garde at Marseilles, watching in similar fashion over another venerable haven of the middle sea, which many famous Meridonians from Petronius Arbiter to Thiers have honoured as their birthplace.

The church, built in a hybrid style of Italo-Moresque, suggests a renegade mosque, or a basilica which has been converted to Islam. Within, its incense permeated walls are hung, like those of some old temple of the sea god, with votive offerings of sailors. Models of ships of every rig that has ever braved the sudden fury of the Mediterranean, memorial tablets, and hundreds of little effigies, cover the walls and pillars. Here is a massive silver figure of the Archangel Michael, presented by the colony of Neapolitan fishermen; and there, above the altar, stands the unique and amazing piece of statuary that gives the Church its name. The Black Madonna. A statue which represents the Holy Mother as a negress, but without the characteristic features of the Hamitic race whose home is this dark continent. Upon the apex above it is inscribed in florid lettering: "Notre Dame D'Afrique, priez pour nous, et pour les Musulmans."

FOR THOSE LOST AT SEA.

Outside the church, on the cliff's edge, stands a cataphaque topped by a cross and covered with graven invitations to the passers-by to pray for the souls of all those lost at sea. Hither after Vespers on every Sunday the choir and clergy walk in procession through the church, and before this cataphaque, against a background of blue water, the prayers for the dead are chanted, with the offshore wind fanning the flickering tapers and wafting the wreathing incense seaward. A reverent but heterogeneous congregation stands round, composed of French and Italian fishermen and sailors with their families, some inquisitive tourists, and a score of grave-faced Arabs draped in their hooded robes, descendants, maybe, of Algerine corsairs who held the fleets of Christendom to ransom long ago.

They witness the service, however, apparently with both sympathy and understanding; as though they, too, commended to Allah the souls of fellow mariners whose bodies lay in the sepulchre of the seas; just as they probably would countenance the scriptural rites of the negroes which are said still to take place at times on the beaches of the Bay below before the dawn on certain moonless nights, when the throats of cocks are cut with all the horrid ritual of an ascetic fetishism and their sacrificial blood tinges the unappeasable waters.

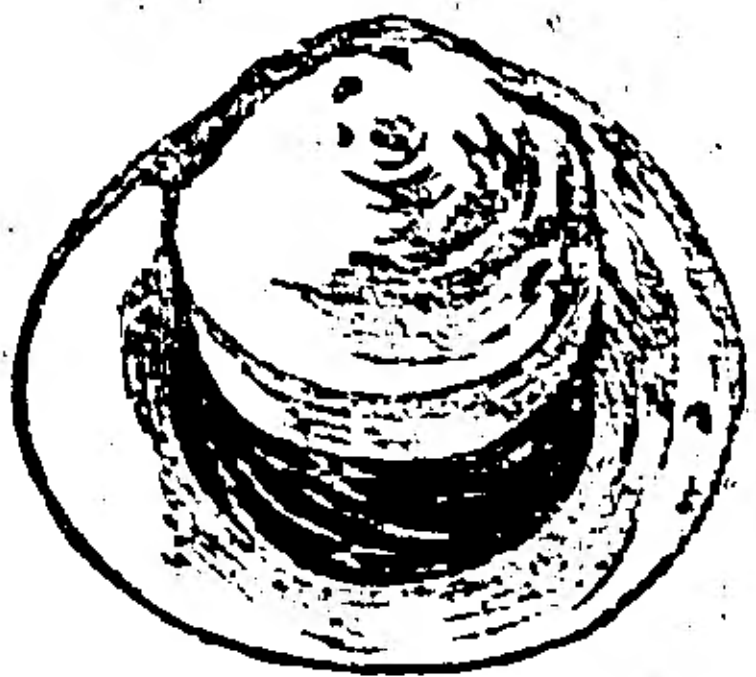
At any rate, here, on the verge of the greatest grave in the world—the open sea—and during the Christian service of intercession for the souls of those who have had no other obsequies, the clash of creeds is silenced. Seamen, pray for the rest of seamen, and, praying, wonder when their own time will come.

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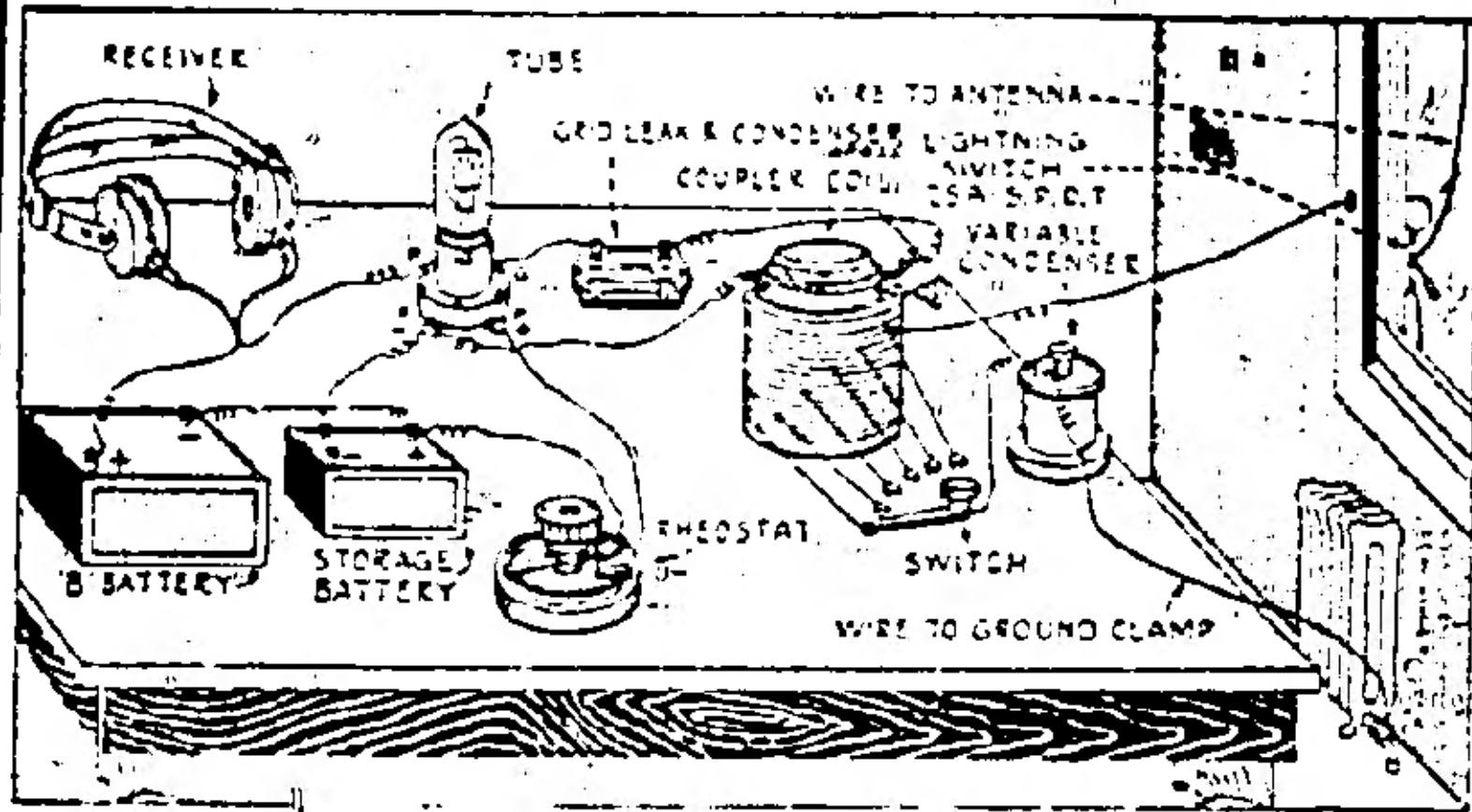
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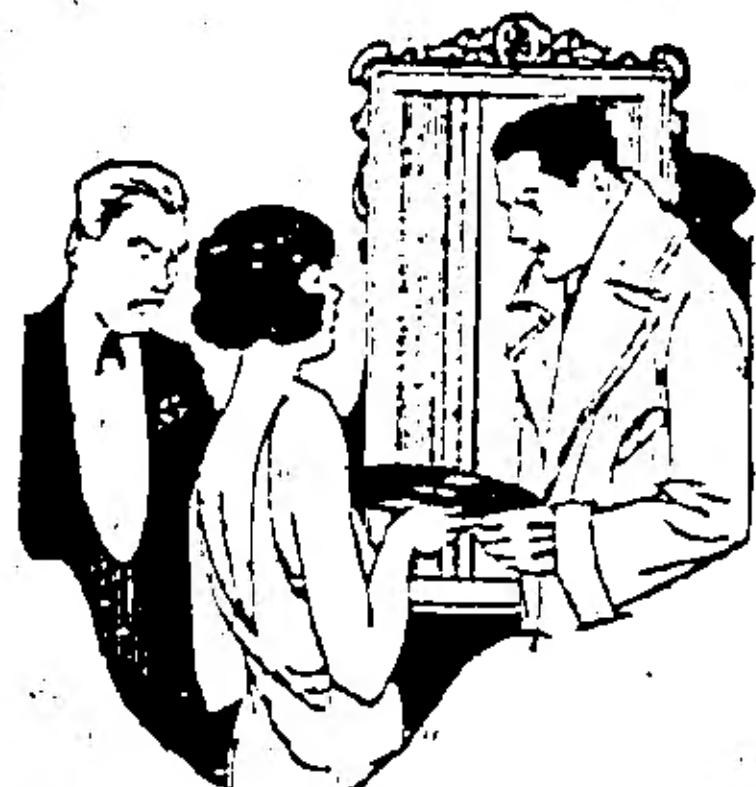
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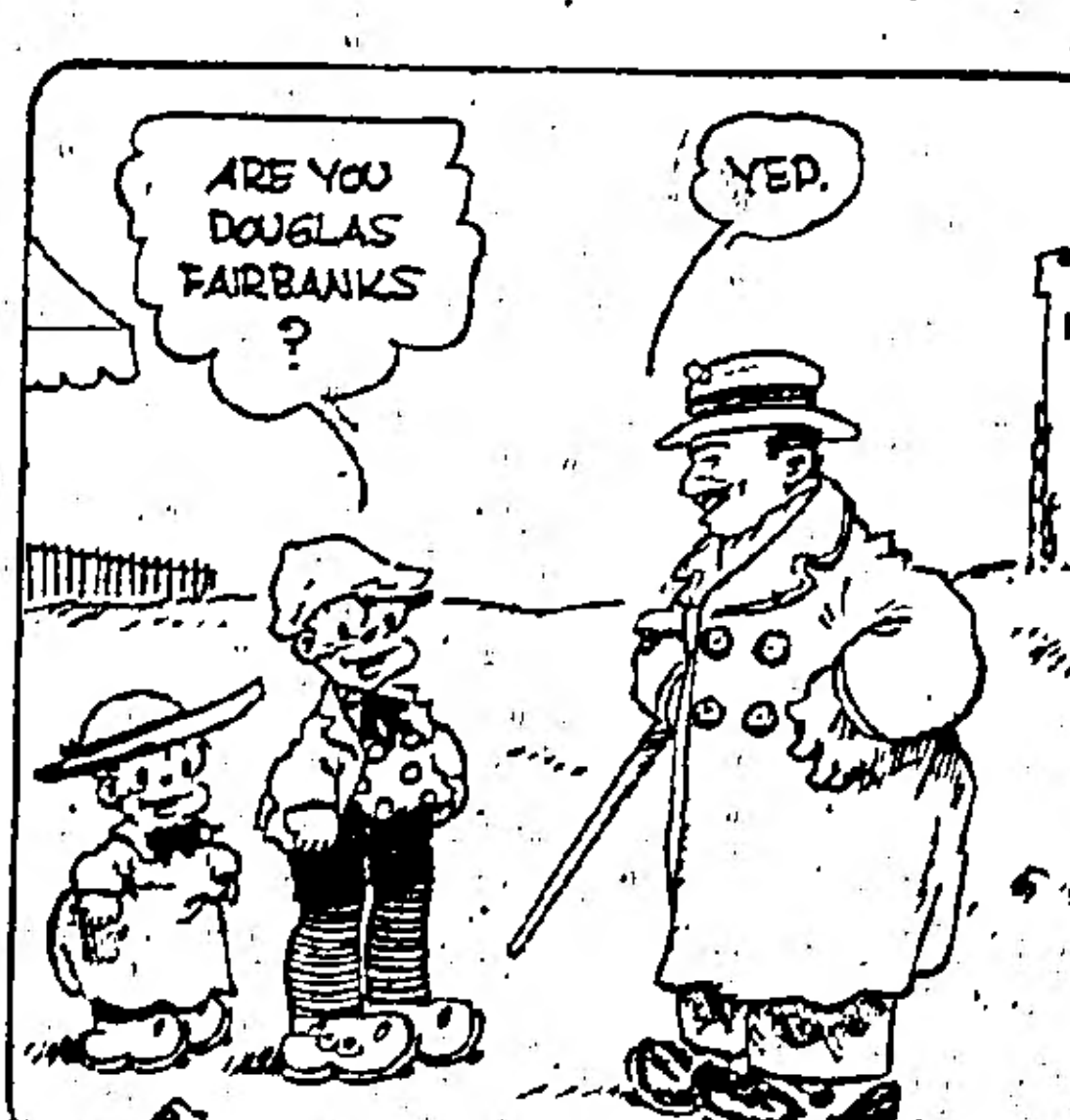
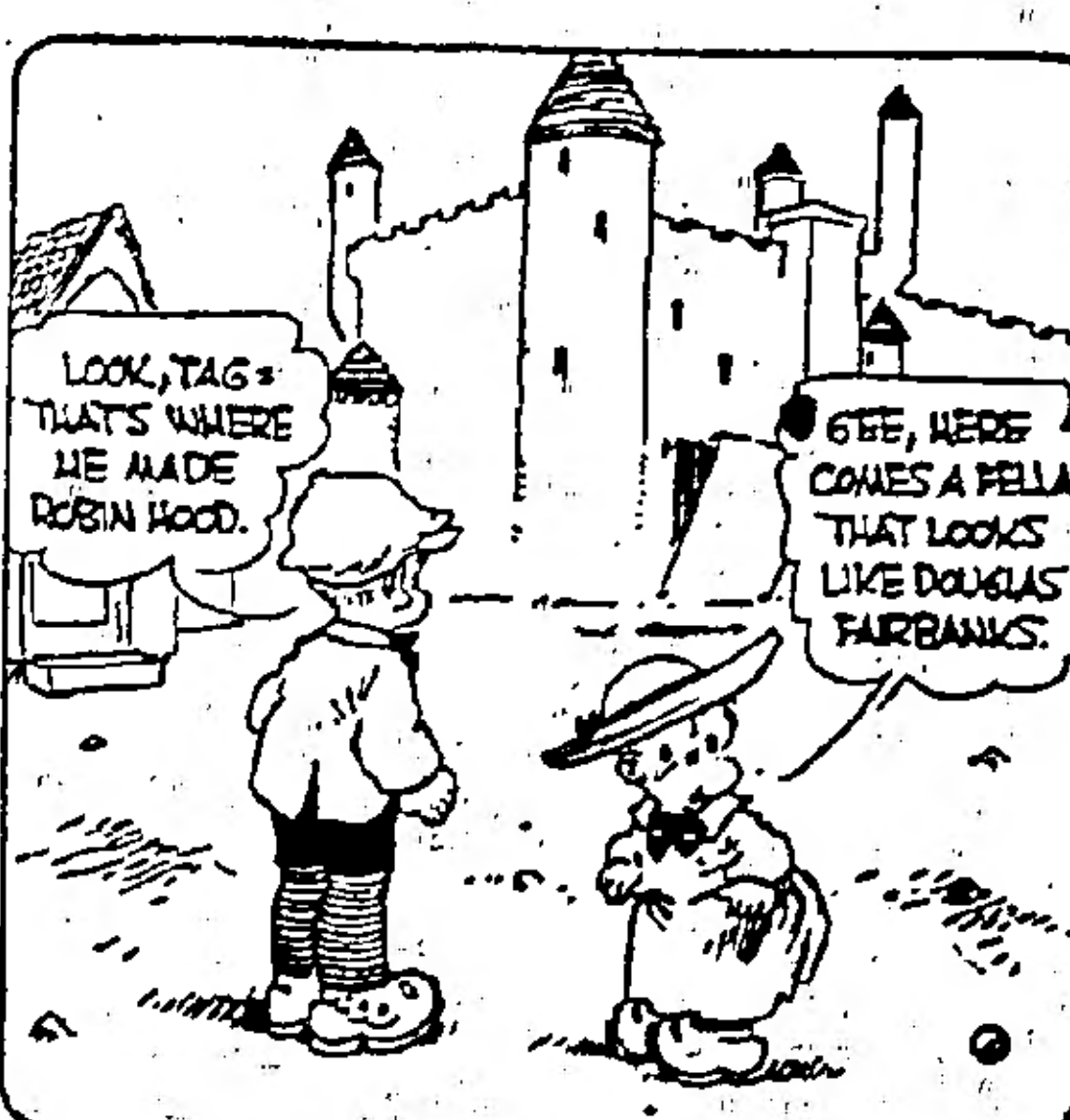
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DEFENDING OUR EASTERN INTERESTS.

This Colony has more than a passing interest in the proposal to establish at Singapore a big, modern naval base. Hongkong has been the headquarters of the China Squadron for many years now, and it will be with feelings of considerable regret that we shall in the future see our pre-eminence as a naval base decline in favour of the southern port. The terms of the Washington agreement, however, make further developments here impossible, and it thus becomes inevitable that arrangements be made whereby British interests in the East shall be adequately protected and provision also be made for the defence of Australia. The debate on the Singapore project in the House of Commons was marked by a deal of plain speaking, but it seems to us that the critics of the scheme were not only labouring under misapprehensions regarding our right to lay down such a base, but were also uncommonly willing to impute ulterior motives to the Imperial Government in connection with the matter. Incidentally, it was of some interest to Far Easterners to observe that two former Singapore residents, in the persons of Mr. Darbishire and Mr. Penny, took distinctly opposite views on the subject during the Parliamentary discussion.

We cannot conceive anyone conscious of Britain's Imperial interests opposing this Singapore scheme for protecting trade and commerce and maintaining our position in the East. If the Little Englanders had their way, we should soon be reduced to the position of a third-rate Power. Already our Navy has been cut down to almost dangerous limits, and now that there is a desire that the mobility of the remnant shall not be unduly curtailed, we have the peace-at-any-price cranks raising all manner of objections. What would be the position if the Admiralty were content merely to rest on its oars so far as the East is concerned? We should not have a single naval dock in the East capable of taking a capital ship, and in our helpless

position we should have to continue to rely on the goodwill of Japan. That would be an intolerable position. Whether Japan were to remain for ever friendly or not, no self-respecting Power, as Commander Bellairs rightly remarked, could indefinitely be expected to depend on another Power for its security and even its existence. Finally, there has been no secret regarding our intentions to make Singapore a naval base—the possibility was fully realised by the Washington Conference. From every standpoint, therefore, it is essential that we have the means of defending our interests in this part of the world. Those means cannot, unfortunately, be met in Hongkong, but they can be provided in Singapore. And we are glad that the House of Commons gave such a large majority in support of the project.

Britain's Air Power.

In view of the decision to make Singapore a great naval base, and the question of aerial defence of that island, the statement by Sir Samuel Hoare that he wanted to see the British Empire leading in development, and the greatest air power in the world, is of additional import. Eventually, with all the schemes that are afoot, the Empire should attain an unchallengeable position in world affairs. The British army has been reduced—some say to a degree well below the margin of safety—but our naval and aerial strength is apparently to be brought up to a standard that will make up for all seeming deficiencies in other directions. It is generally agreed that modern warfare—and the warfare of the future—must be based principally on aerial actions. So Britain's very serious deficit in this department certainly requires early remedying. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming Imperial Conference will see its way to inaugurate a scheme of augmentation, without any delay, of the Air Force units. Unfortunately the Conference will not meet until the autumn, when we shall probably be still further behind other nations in this important arm of our defence. One big factor to take into consideration is Labour—anxious to save money (ostensibly for the good of the nation, but probably more as a parrot-like echo of its election pledges), anxious to avoid war at any cost, and eager to find a lever for use against the Government. The Conservatives, and many of the Liberals, can be counted on to keep national defensive needs to the fore; but there is always the risk of a future Labour domination upsetting the best-laid plans of our present Government.

Japanese and Tennis.

It is truly remarkable how lawn tennis has gripped the people of Japan within recent years, so that in a way it has become almost the national sport of the more leisured classes. In tropical cities one may see Japanese so enthusiastic that they play throughout a grilling hot day; and there is at least one case on record of a keen player hailing from Nippon who installed a system of lighting with electric arc lamps so that even the setting of the sun should not interfere with his enjoyment of the game! Japan has produced players of world-wide fame, with Shimidzu the most prominent of all. Hongkong is shortly to have the opportunity of seeing in action a young Japanese who promises to develop in time into a champion of more than local fame—T. Honda. The writer of this note had the opportunity of watching Honda play in the Malayan lawn tennis singles championship last year, which he won against all comers. The previous year he had succumbed to the then champion, also a Japanese, and thus exhibited greatly improved form within a twelve-month. Honda plays a deceptive game, with apparently "soft" returns which, however, are of deadly accuracy; and his marvellous coolness spells disaster to a temperamental opponent, howsoever brilliant. He lobs well, and has a good service, but the main feature of his play in the Malayan contest was his backhand stroke, taken on the same side of the racket as the forehand drive, and denoting great strength and flexibility of the wrist. His showing up here will be keenly followed in lawn tennis circles.

LOCAL COMPANIES AMALGAMATE.

Land Investment & Central Estates Meetings.

A meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Sir Robert Ho Tung (directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (acting secretary), Rev. Father Robert, Messrs. E. Sadick, A. B. Stewart, C. C. Boyd, W. E. L. Shenton, H. A. Rodgers, G. W. Barton, J. T. Bagram, R. J. Wilton, Lee Ping-see and J. M. Alves (shareholders).

The Chairman said that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an extraordinary resolution adopting the conditional agreement for the amalgamation with the Company of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., and for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association with regard to the objects of the Company, and also the draft new Articles of Association of the Company.

As regards the conditional agreement, the directors of the Company were approached some time ago by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., with the suggestion that it would be to the mutual benefit of both Companies to amalgamate. The Company's Board of Directors had gone very thoroughly into the matter and were of the unanimous opinion that the scheme for amalgamation was desirable. They had therefore conditionally entered into this agreement with the directors of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., and were asking for approval of the scheme.

In order to effect the amalgamation it was necessary that the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., should go into liquidation. The terms of the amalgamation were shortly: The Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., would transfer to the Company, all and singular, its lands, buildings, etc., from the date of the conditional agreement. In return therefor the Company would allot four shares of its unissued capital of \$25 each credited as fully paid up to every member of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., in respect of each \$100 share held by him in that Company. Further, a sufficient sum would be retained by the liquidator out of cash in hand to pay to each member of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., a sum equivalent to \$60 per share in respect of every share held by him.

One of the things that was necessary to provide for was the security of the debenture holders of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., there being outstanding debentures to the value of one and a half million dollars which were repayable on the 31st May, 1924. The debenture holders had agreed to allow the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., to go into liquidation without the debenture holders therefore enforcing, as they would be entitled to do, the security comprised in the debenture trust deed, and the debenture holders accepting in lieu thereof covenants by the Company to perform the conditions of repayment in the debenture trust deed.

The Chairman mentioned that Prince's Building and Land Company, Ltd., and Mr. Nemesee had agreed with the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., to pay off on maturity the whole of the moneys secured by the debenture trust deed and the benefit of that covenant would be transferred to the Company by the liquidator.

With regard to the draft new Memorandum of Association, the existing Memorandum was one which had been in force in the present form ever since the incorporation of the Company in 1889, and the directors considered that in order that the Company might be better equipped with the increased powers necessary to enable it to keep pace with the times, and maintain its position, it should increase the scope of the objects of the Company as set forth in its Memorandum of Association, with a view to being placed in a position to carry on its business more economically and efficiently, and also to carry on certain classes of business which, under existing circumstances, might be conveniently and advantageously combined with their present business.

Copies of the existing memorandum and the draft new one had been open to inspection at the Company's registered office and at the offices of their solicitors, and there were copies which might be inspected on the table. A comparison of the two showed that the new memorandum made considerable additions to the old one, particularly in regard to every-day powers which a company should possess.

The Articles of Association the directors also found needed bringing up to date and altering in certain respects. As in the case of the Memorandum of Association, prints of the existing Articles and the draft Articles had been open to inspection.

Explaining the most important of the alterations to the existing Articles, the Chairman said that these provided that no person could be registered as the holder of more than 10,000 shares instead of 2,500, and under another article power was taken for reduction of capital, also for the subdivision of shares, which under the present article 13 was prohibited. The quorum had been changed from 12 to 6 members personally present and the provisions as regards voting had been slightly varied. The number of directors was to be not less than three or more than nine, instead of not less than five or more than nine. Provision was made and machinery introduced for effecting the capitalisation of reserve fund, if desired, at any time and payment of interest out of capital was provided for.

Resolutions were then passed assenting to the proposed changes.

Central Estates Meeting.

A meeting of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., was held following the above meeting. Sir Paul Chater presided and there were also present Rev. Fr. Robert, Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, A. H. Compton (directors), L. S. Greenhill (acting secretary), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. C. Boyd, E. M. H. Nemesee, J. T. Bagram, E. Sadick, and J. E. Joseph (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as indicated in the notice which has just been read by the Company's Secretary, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an extraordinary resolution that it is expedient to effect the amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., and with a view thereto that this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. E. P. Smith be appointed liquidator, and further considering, and if thought fit, passing extraordinary resolutions authorising the liquidator to adopt the Conditional Agreement which is before this meeting and to carry same into effect, and also as to date of allotment of shares in the Land Investment Company to members of this Company.

Some time ago the directors of your Company were petitioned by a large majority of shareholders of this Company stating that they considered an amalgamation of the Company with the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., would be in the best interests of the members of both Companies. Your Board of Directors went into the matter and were satisfied that the members of this Company would undoubtedly benefit by the proposed amalgamation, and with a view thereto approached the Directors of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., in their turn went into the proposed scheme of amalgamation with the result that they approved thereof, and the conditional agreement which is before this meeting was in consequence thereof entered into between the two Companies, and has now just been approved by the members of the Land Investment Company in meeting. The result of the amalgamation will be that the various properties owned by the Company and the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., will be under one direct control, which will undoubtedly make for more efficient administration.

In order to effect the amalgamation it is necessary that this Company go into liquidation. The terms upon which the amalgamation is to be effected are set out in the conditional agreement which has been open for inspection for some days past by members of this Company at the Company's registered office and at the offices of our solicitors, but I will shortly state you the terms.

This Company will transfer to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., all and singular, its lands, buildings

DAY BY DAY.

THESE ARE THE SIGNS OF A WISE MAN: TO REPROVE NOBODY, TO PRAISE NOBODY, TO BLAME NOBODY, NOR EVEN TO SPEAK OF HIMSELF OR HIS OWN MERITS.—Epictetus.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of small-pox and one of plague. All were Chinese.

Mr. H. A. Jones, manager of Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd., left on a business trip to Singapore by the P. & O. a.s. Karmala yesterday.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company have arrived here by the E. & A. s.s. St. Albans, but no announcement has been made of any performances being given.

Mr. J. M. Xavier—Your letter is far too lengthy for publication in our columns. If, however, you can condense it by simply outlining practical proposals, we shall be pleased to give publicity to your views.

Passengers leaving by the P. & O. a.s. Karmala yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Trotman, Mrs. Parker Rees, Engineer Commander G. W. Odham, Major C. H. Edmonds, O.B.E., Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh and Mr. J. Bentley.

One of the lodgers at a boarding house at No. 17, Connaught Road Central was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital with a lacerated tongue. The man, it is said, had endeavoured to cut it off in an attempt to commit suicide.

I pupils of Mr. Harry Ore are to give recitals at the Cathedral Hall on the 14th and 16th instant. On the first-named date the contributors to the programme will be Miss H. Irving, Miss A. Remedios, Mlle. S. Gain, Miss J. Thornhill, Miss R. Wong, Miss A. Baptista, Miss M. Nicholl and Miss M. Gomes. On the 16th, there will be a vocal and piano recital by Miss Maria Margarida Gomes, with Mr. Ore as the accompanist.

DESPERATE ROBBERS.

Man Badly Injured.

A desperate struggle occurred on the night of the 29th. ult. at Ngaupuntan when robbers broke into a hut occupied by a labourer and his wife. The man woke up to discover three men by his bedside. He resisted their efforts to overpower him but eventually, having been pressed to the ground, he was cut on the head, arms and legs with a chopper which one of the assailants picked up from a table.

Money and valuables of the total amount of \$65 were stolen before the gang made their escape.

HOTEL SPOONS.

Theft and Receiving Charges Fail.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. E. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with the theft of eleven spoons and three forks belonging to the Palace Hotel, Kowloon. Another man was charged with being the receiver.

Evidence was given that a boy from the Hotel, whilst visiting Lascar Row, by chance discovered the missing articles, which he readily identified. In consequence of a report he then made to the police, the shopkeeper was arrested as being the receiver. This man declared that he bought the goods under the impression that they had been lawfully obtained.

The evidence given by another witness, a little girl, was unsatisfactory, and his Worship ordered the discharge of both defendants.

concessions, goods and chattels, moneys (except a certain sum in cash) and undertaking and goodwill, together with full benefit of all contracts and covenants as from the date of this Conditional Agreement.

The Chairman then went on to indicate the particulars as to shares in the Land Investment Co. that would be received in exchange for shares held in the Central Estates, and referred to the meeting yesterday providing for the security of debenture holders.

The extraordinary resolutions embodying the amalgamation of the two Companies were put to the meeting and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

THE POTATO MAN.

Tried to Deceive the Police.

How an unlicensed hawkker resorted to an amusing dodge to deceive the police was related by Sergeant Elston at the Police Court this morning when he charged the man.

The officer stated that he visited Jubilee Street—always a happy hunting ground for unlicensed hawkkers—and witnessed two sales of sweet potatoes being conducted by the defendant. When the man was searched, it was discovered that his pockets were crammed with potatoes. There were potatoes tied round his waist and potatoes hung round his legs and concealed under his trousers, and he shed potatoes all the way to the Police Station. After hearing a most uninteresting tale from the prisoner as to how he was caught in a shower and obliged to stay under the verandah, his Worship imposed a fine of \$5, or seven days.

WELFARE WORK.

Government House Concert.

The second concert in aid of welfare work in London is to be given at Government House on the 7th. instant at 9.15 p.m. The programme will be—

1.—Piano Solo: Poeme erotique, Melodie, Berceuse, A tea pied, Jour de nocces, Souvenir (Grieg).—Mr. Eric Rice.

2.—Songs: Sea Fever (John Ireland), Come, Friend (Graham Peal), The Ballad-Monger (Easthope Martin).—Mr. G. H. Piercy.

3.—Violin Solo: Meditation from Thais (Massenet), Serenade (Gabriel Piere).—Mrs. Aubrey.

4.—Songs: The Shepherd's Song (Elgar), My heart and Lute: On the ling ho! (Helfand Kjerulf).—Miss Millicent Nicholl.

5.—Duets: Life's Heyday (Denza), Belle Nuit from Cante d'Hoffmann (Offenbach). It was a Lover and his Lass (Walthew).—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Collett.

6.—Piano Solo: Prophet Bird (Schumann), Spozializio (Liszt).—Mr. Eric Rice.

FINANCIAL CHAOS.

Arrears in Salaries.

Peking, May 2.—Shen Juilin, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, resigned yesterday because there were not any funds to pay the Legations and Consulates abroad. His resignation was not accepted. Yesterday's Cabinet meeting suggested that a million taels of the Customs surplus be allocated for the payment of arrears in salaries of Ministries abroad, but as already reported, the Customs surplus is scarcely sufficient to meet the interest on the amortisation of domestic bonds. Consequently, the Vice-Minister was not satisfied.—Reuter.

Peking, May 2.—The Government is still negotiating with the Four Group of banks. The latest suggestion is said to be a loan of twelve millions secured by next year's salt surplus. Should negotiations fail, it is understood that the Government will attempt to float a twelfth year domestic loan.—Reuter.

MOBILIZATION IN THE NORTH.

Cabinet Deny Any Movements.

Peking, May 2.—Movements of troops, ammunition and supplies to the Jehol District is continuing. Likewise the commandeering of carts by the military, as well as other warlike signs. The Cabinet, however, denies these reports wholesale, and states Feng Yuh-siang has requested a denial to be given out. He says not a single soldier in his command has been moved, and messages have been received from Wang Chengping stating that no soldier of the Chihli forces has moved from his original station except for bandit suppression in Jehol and Kailin.—Reuter.

Peking, May 2.—Manchurian members of Parliament have wired to Tsao Kun and Chang Tso-lin, urging peace. The Chinese Chambers of Commerce despatched a similar communication to Chang Tso-lin.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Apart from the bulbs, the earliest spring flower to gladden the eye in the London parks is the beautiful golden yellow bloom of the Forsythia suspensa, which just now is catching the shy sunbeams in strands of colour in all the shrubberies. We owe this welcome guest to a gardener named Forsyth, who came from Aberdeenshire to London in the middle of the 18th century and became superintendent of the Royal gardens of St. James's and Kensington, says a Home paper. It is really a native of China and is but one of England's many importations from the Far East.

One of the most striking additions to the public statuary of London is now being cast at a foundry at Thames Ditton and may be expected to be complete before the summer is out. It comprises the two bronze groups designed by the late Sir Thomas Brock, R.A., for the Queen Victoria Memorial, facing Buckingham Palace. There are two groups—one emblematic of Courage as shown by the Navy and the Army, and the other typifying Wisdom and Intelligence in Science and Art. Each group has two recumbent figures, and the statuary will be 35ft. long, 8ft. high, and will weigh well over eight tons.

London motor auctions are the opportunity of the man with only a little money to spare. Perhaps it would not be strictly accurate to term all the transfers "second-hand." Not one or two but half-a-dozen successive owners have driven some of the cars which come under the hammer week by week. Even so, a two-seater at £20 seems a bargain. Such a car, sold at Messrs. Smallman Brothers' auction, had had twelve years on the road. A would-be buyer, who can take £50 to £100 with him to the auction-room, may pick up quite a serviceable car, though not, as a rule, handsome. Of fifteen prices realized in the firm's list of recent sales, ten were below £50, and the top figure was £238 for a 1921 Albert "all-weather." At Aldridge's prices ranged from £34 for a 1908 Wolseley limousine to 450 guineas for a 1910 Rolls-Royce landaulet. Some of the two-seaters made from £90 to £195.

The 300-years-old ascendancy of the Stradivarius violin has been challenged by a modern English-made violin. A test held at Aeolian Hall in London recently, at the adjudication in the Cobbett competition for English-made stringed instruments may not have been decisive, but it was extraordinarily curious. Mr. Albert Sammons played (behind a screen) on a "Strad" and a violin just made by Mr. Alfred Vincent, and the audience voted for the latter as giving the better tone. There was a comic show of chagrin when the majority realized that they had "downed" the Stradivarius, and the minority (a considerable minority were duly proud of themselves). This result will not be the means of causing "Strads" to be sold at six a penny, but it ought to have a quickening effect on the native craft of violin making. There is no doubt that new English-made violins are as good as any nowadays made anywhere. Mr. Alfred Vincent, the first prize winner, was warmly congratulated.

The importance of the Rosetta Stone in disclosing the history of Egypt is told by Mr. J. R. Crowland in the *Teachers' World*. Egyptian documents in the "drawing-language" (hieroglyphics) were unreadable to the world in general till the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, he writes. This piece of black basalt, which is 3 feet 9 inches by just over 2 feet, was found in 1798 by a French Artillery officer among the ruins of Fort St. Julien (near Rosetta). On it are three kinds of writing, carved in the stone. The first is in the hieroglyphic style, but horizontally instead of in vertical columns, the second is in Demotic, the later writing of the Egyptians, and the last in Greek. Scholars could read the second and third writings, and found them to be the same. As the names of kings appeared, and as they knew that in hieroglyphic writing the king's name had a cartouche to enclose it, the scholars traced the king's names, and thus found a key to the old writings. The Rosetta Stone passed into British hands in 1801, and is now in the place of honour in the Egyptian rooms of the British Museum.

SHANGHAI LAUNCH INCIDENT.

Casualties on a Gunboat

Shanghai, May 3.—Further disclosures in connection with the firing on a British launch by a Chinese gunboat, published by the *North China Daily News* from a reliable source reveal that while the launch crew suffered no casualties, one man was killed and two injured aboard the Chinese gunboat. It appears that two gunboats had been lying close alongside since they renounced allegiance to the Government on April 11. When the first warship opened fire on the launch, consternation arose on the other warship, which also fired some shots which found a bullet aboard her consort, resulting in the aforementioned casualties.—Reuter.

FORMOSAN PROTEST.

Students Demand Reforms.

Three hundred Formosan students in Tokyo held a meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall there on April 5 and vehemently denounced the Government-General of Formosa. They passed a resolution to the effect that the existing administration of Formosa, not being based on the principle of constitutional government, should be reformed. The authorities in Formosa, they said, had trampled on the personal rights of the Formosans and would not allow freedom of speech. Such treatment ran counter to the policy of the Japanese Government, was injurious to the peace of the Far East, and was against the spirit of the times.

The meeting rose at 3 p.m. The students had planned a procession but gave up the plan because of the demise of Prince Kitashirakawa. Their representatives went to visit the Premier, the Home Minister, and the Governor-General who is now in Tokyo.

KIN OF CHARLEMAGNE.

List of Famous Descendants.

London.—Now that the tomb treasures of Tut-an-kh-amen have been discovered in the Valley of the Kings, a venerable Copt, living in a suburb of Cairo, has announced himself to be a lineal descendant of that ancient monarch. Whether or not his genealogical tree is complete is not disclosed, but there seems no probability that the unearthed treasures will be turned over to him as their inheritor.

Meantime Miss Kimball, an English student of genealogies, has published a presumably complete, if not official, list of Charlemagne's descendants. They include King George V of England, Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt and John D. Rockefeller.

Besides, according to her, almost all the populations of the earth who use the English language descend from Charlemagne through Isabelle de Vermandois, who died in 1131.

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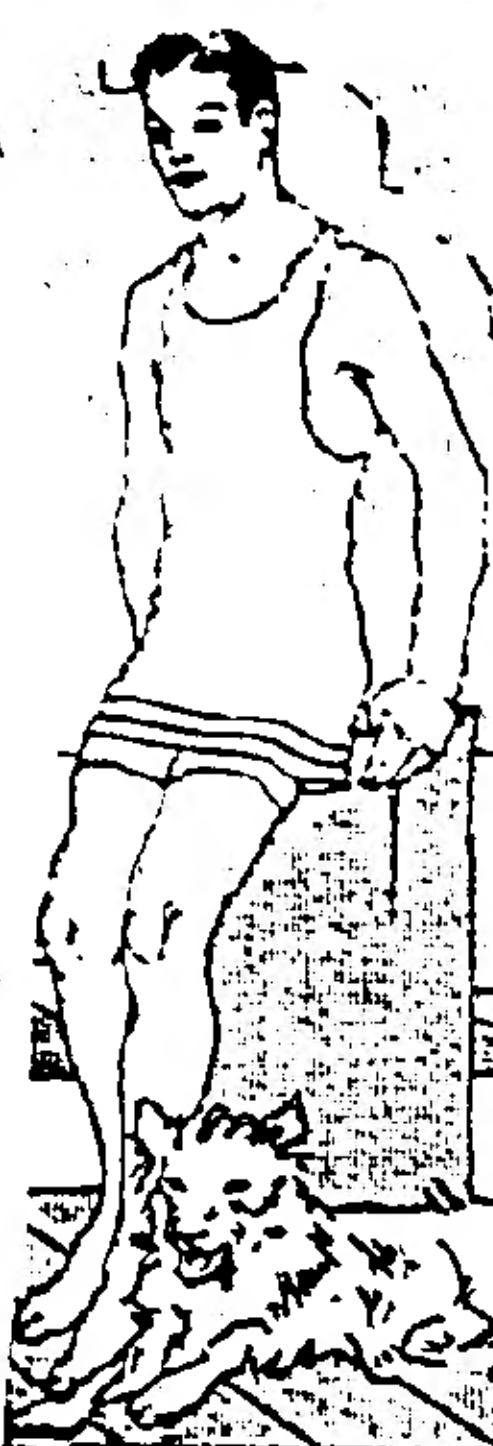
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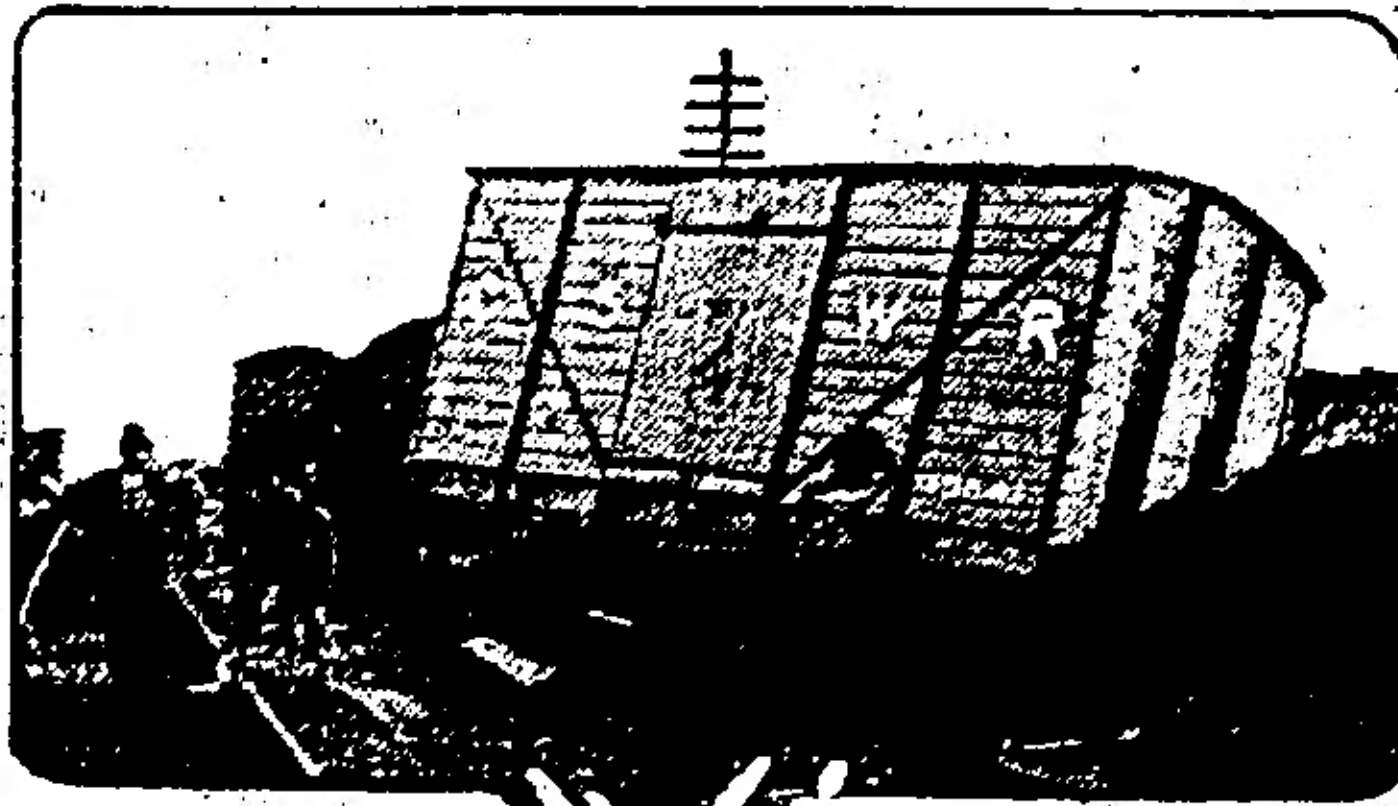
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Jessica Brown, former Follies girl, who is reported engaged to the Earl of Northesk.



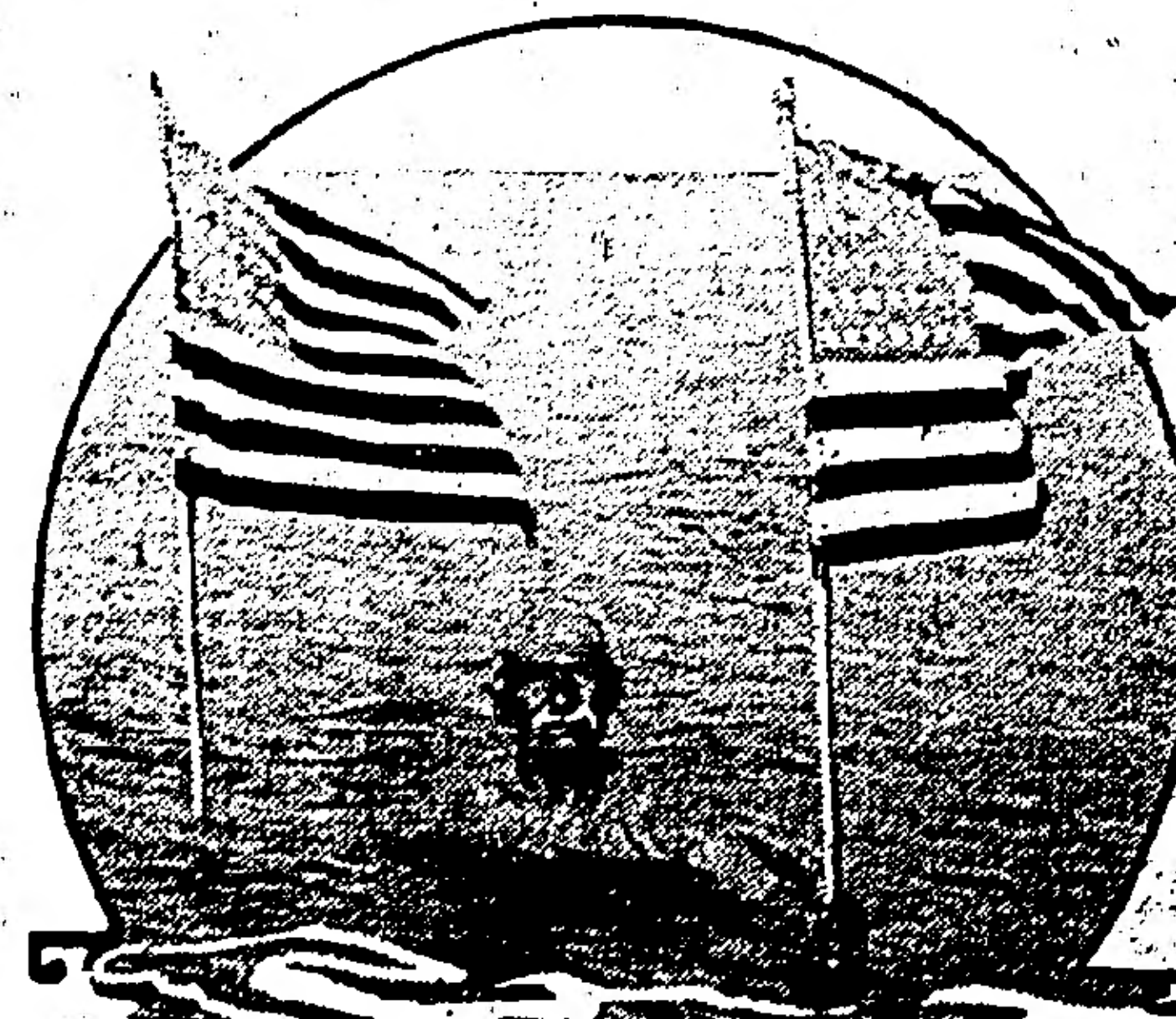
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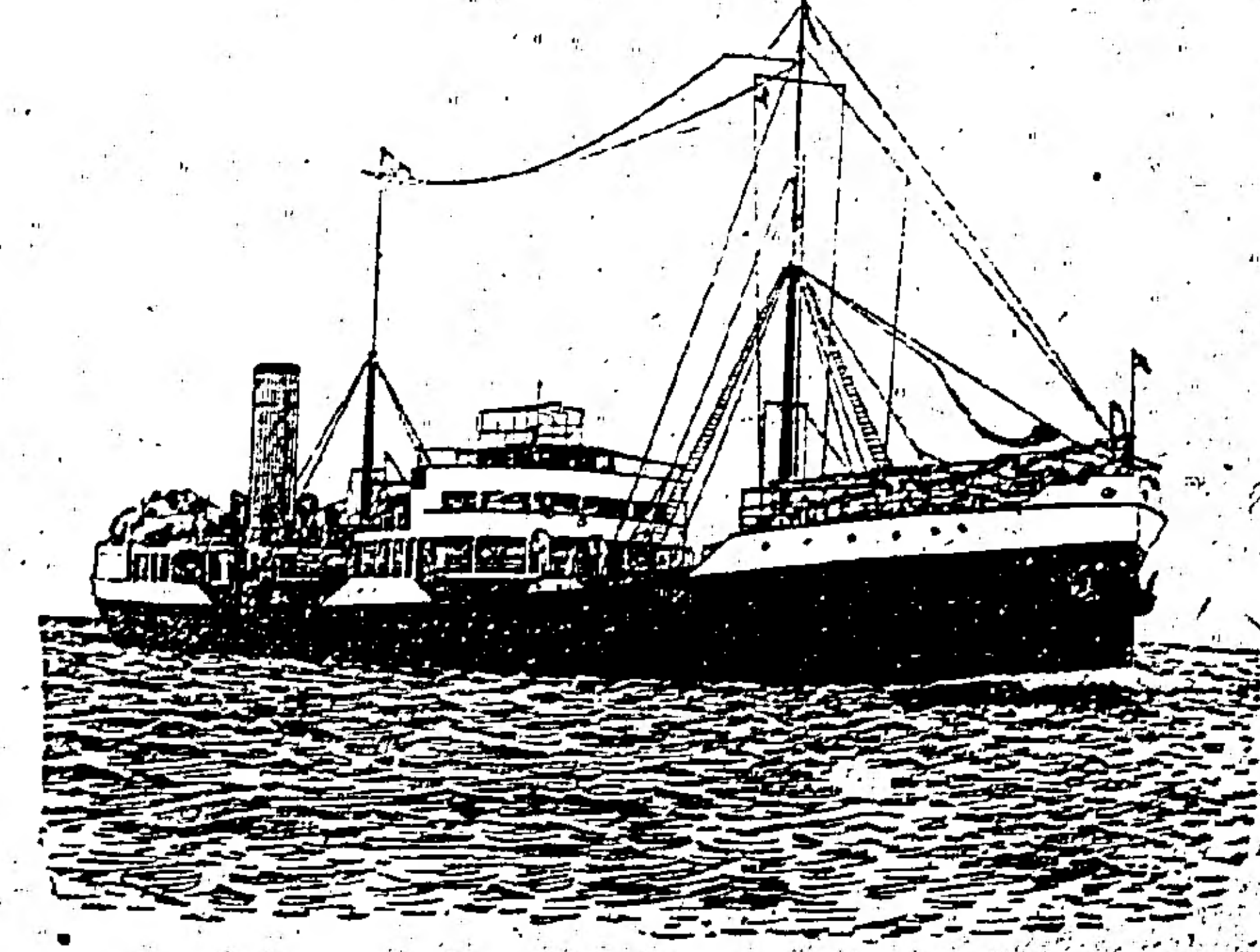
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SICILIA	5,815	5 May 11 a.m.	Spore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
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NYANZA	7,000	30th May	M'les, London & Antwerp

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TORILLA	5,205	12th May	Singapore, Penang, Calcutta

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S.S.	Tonnage	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
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S.S.	Tonnage	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
GANDARA	5,281	4 May 11 a.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
GURNA	5,248	8th May	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
EASTERN	4,600	8th May	Japan direct
SARDINIA	5,684	9th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
DELTA	5,097	21st May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjikini	Java	7th May	10th May	S'hai & Japan
Tjilboet	Japan	11th May	11th May	Billiton, Batavia
Tjilondari	N. China	21st May	21st May	Billiton, Batavia
Tjilwong	Japan	24th May	24th May	M'ssar, S'bia

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Vessel	One Hongkong	Vessel	Leaves Hongkong
GLENAPP	5th May	GLENODLE	10th May
GLENARRY	21st May	GLENARIFFE	25th May
GLENTARA	4th June	Glenca, L'don, R'dam & H'burg	
GLENIFFER	18th June	GLENAMOY	1st June
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ANDRE LEBON	—	—	14th May
AMBOISE	—	—	29th May
CORDILLERE	6th Apr.	9th May	12th June
ANGERS	20th Apr.	22nd May	26th June
CHILI	4th May	3rd June	10th July
PORTHOS	18th May	13th June	24th July

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S.S.	Tonnage	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
KAGA MARU	(Nagasaki Direct)	Thursday	3rd May
IYO MARU	—	Saturday	19th May
MARSHILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	—	Thursday	10th May
HAKOZAKI MARU	—	Thursday	10th May
KITANO MARU	—	Wednesday	23rd May

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIVERPOOL via MARSHILLES & VALENCIA.

TOYOHASHI MARU ... Thursday, 10th May.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Co.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 16th May.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 20th June.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU ... Sunday, 6th May.

BUENOS AIRES via Spore, Delagoa Bay, Durban & Cape Town.

KAWACHI MARU ... Middle June.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

HAKODATE MARU ... Thursday, 10th May.

AKITA MARU ... Tuesday, 15th May.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MOJI MARU ... Wednesday, 9th May.

PENANG MARU ... Monday, 21st May.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Thursday, 17th May.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

SAMAOKA MARU ... Friday, 4th May.

TSURUGA MARU ... Sunday, 6th May.

KAMO MARU ... Wednesday, 9th May.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
HA PHONG via Hoibow Leasing	Fri.	4th May at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Esang	Fri.	4th May at noon
MANILA via Swatow Esang	Fri.	4th May at 3 p.m.
SAIGON via Swatow Esang	Sun.	6th May at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Esang	Sun.	6th May at noon
BANGKOK via Swatow Esang	Tues.	8th May at noon
SANDAKAN via Swatow Esang	Wed.	9th May at 2 p.m.
TIENTSIIN via Swatow Esang	Thurs.	10th May at noon
STRAITS & Calcutta via Swatow Esang	Fri.	11th May at 3 p.m.
SWATOW & Shanghai via Swatow Esang	Tues.	15th May at noon
KOBE via Swatow Esang	Fri.	20th May at noon
STRAITS & Calcutta via Swatow Esang	Fri.	25th May at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta via Swatow Esang	Wed.	30th May at 3 p.m.

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Hailong...	Ellis Walker	FRI. 11th May at noon

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Second Floor, Prince's Building.

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The Steamship

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be re-issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on May 5th, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Asha.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after May 7th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately. United States Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.

4, Des Voeux Road,

Hongkong 1st. May, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Steamer "ADRASTUS"

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th May, will be subject to rent.

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30th April, 1923.

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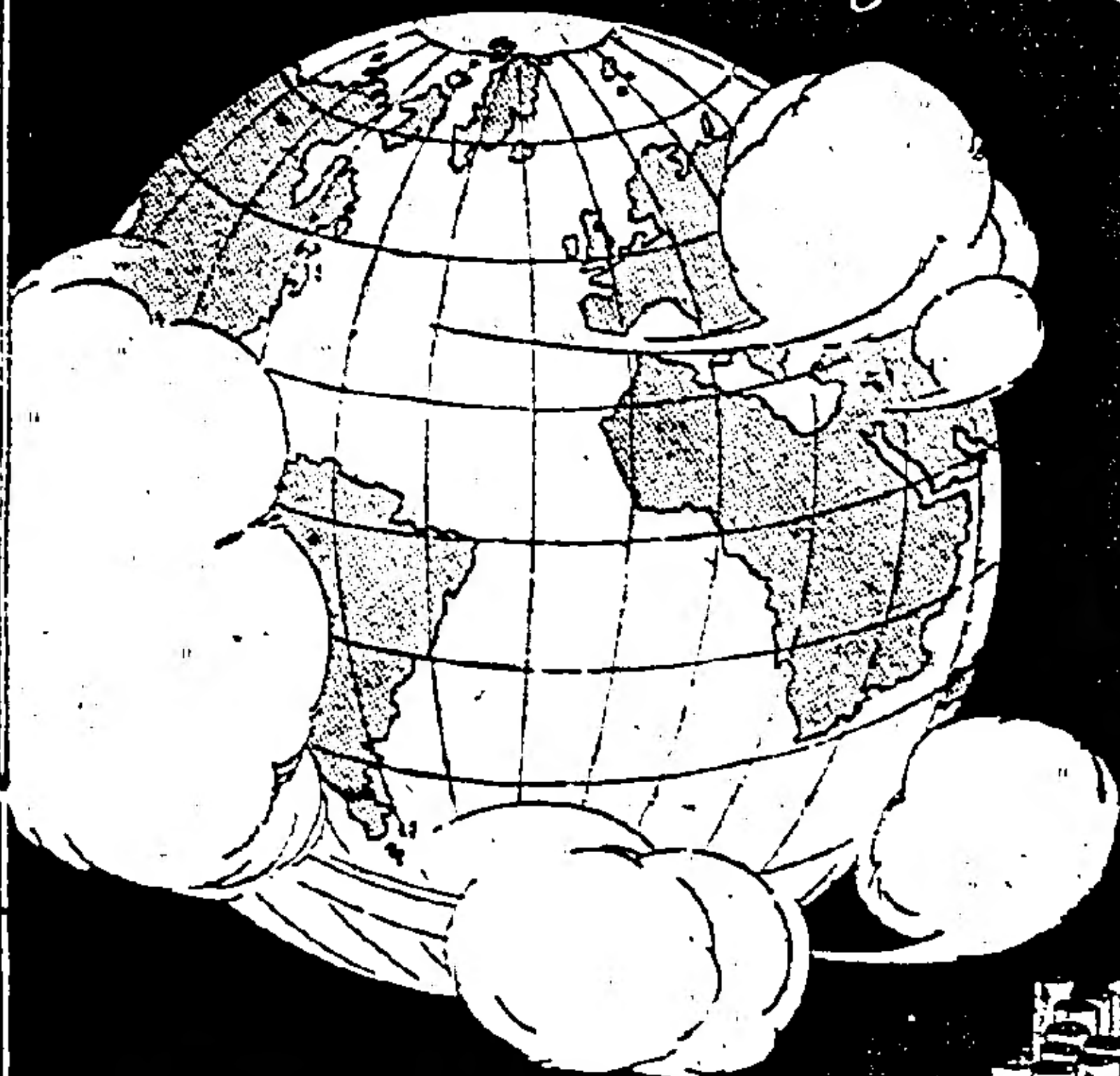
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May 3d. 11h. 59m.—Pressure has increased moderately at Yat and decreased slightly at the majority of other stations.

This morning the typhoon was about 200 miles N.N.E. of Yap moving N.N.E. Gradients appear to be shallow over the S.W. portion of the map. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day. 0.64 inch. Total since January 1st. 10.19 inches, against an average of 12.32 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1. Formosa Channel	
2. South coast of China between H.K. & Lamcocks.	N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, occasional rain.
3. Hongkong to Gap Rock.	
4. South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	

I. F. CLAXTON, Director.
 I.K. Observatory, May 3, 1923.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per E. & A. s.s. ST. ALBANS.—Miss Campin, Miss Blackley, Miss Coxon, Miss Burleigh, Mr. Burleigh, Miss Milbourn, Miss Zeal, Mrs. Zeal, Mr. Zeal, Mr. Harker, Madam Peraner, Mrs. Hutton, Miss Hutton, Mr. Hutton, Mr. & Mrs. Friend, Mr. & Mrs. Whitney, Miss Russell, Mr. Mettams, Mr. Prince, Mr. R. Workman, Miss Croly, Miss Walkey, Mr. Shortland, Mr. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Kidson, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Allan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Barris, Miss Crane, Miss Hornall, Mrs. Ralston, Miss O'Grady, Miss Anes, Miss Brodie, Miss Carradus, Miss Varden, Miss Churchwood, Miss Pollard, Miss Miller, Mr. Manson, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Nye, Miss Boland, Mr. Horgenson.

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Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 1.)

SELLING.	30 d/s. San Francisco and New York
T/T Demand	2/4
30 d/s.	2/4 1/16
60 d/s.	2/4 1/16
4 m/s.	2/4 1/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	Nom.
T/T Japan	110
T/T India	175
Demand India	175
T/T San Francisco and New York	54
T/T Java	132
T/T Manila	Nom.
T/T France	8 1/2
Demand Paris	8 1/2
BUYING.	30 d/s. San Francisco and New York
4 m/s. L/C	2/4 1/16
4 m/s. D.P.	2/4 1/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/4 1/16
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2/5
Gold leaf per Tael	46.40
Bar Silver ready	32 1/2
forward	32 3/4
Bank of England rate	3 1/2
New York/London	4.04 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 10 cent pieces	@	par.
10	@	par.
5	@	3/5 par.
Canton sub. coins	@	19 3/4 dia.
Hongkong May 3, 1923.		

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Kanaka M.	3rd May
Shanghai	Yingchow M.	3rd
Japan	Kiddersport	4th
Shanghai	Sicilia	4th
Straits	Tauranga M.	5th
Straits	Corza	6th
Shanghai	Szechuan	6th
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	7th
Japan	Meiji M.	8th
Europe via Suez (Parcels only) London		8th
28th March.		
Japan	Eardina	8th
Manila	Toyohashi M.	8th
Rangoon	Pres. Grant	8th
Japan	Onaka M.	9th
Japan	Tajima M.	10th
U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Madison	11th

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Keelung	Niabin M.	Fri., 4 inst., 8.30 a.m.
Hobow & Haiphong	Loosang	Fri., 4 inst., 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C.		Empress of Australia, Fri., 4 inst., 8.15 a.m. Registration 8.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Bangkok	Bibolga	Fri., 4 inst., 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	Fri., 4 inst., 1 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Yamasa	Fri., 4 inst., 2 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Lyko Giam	Fri., 4 inst., 3.20 p.m.
Hobow & Bangkok	Licon	Sat., 5 inst., 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dharwadodi, Bombay & Aden	Sicilia	Sat., 5 inst., 9.20 a.m.
Straits & Bombay	Kiddersport	Sat., 5 inst., 10 a.m.
Welhaiwai	Haichow	Sat., 5 inst., 10 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Parcels 4th Fri., 5 p.m. Letters 10.40 a.m.	
Seigon	St. Albans	Sat., 5 inst., 10.40 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Tausang	Sat., 5 inst., 10.40 a.m.
Yokohama & Amoy	Anakusa M.	Sun., 6 inst., 9 a.m.
Yokohama & Amoy	Manor	Mon., 7 inst., 10 a.m.
Yokohama & Amoy	Tauco	Mon., 7 inst., 2 p.m.
Yokohama & Amoy	Amoy	Mon., 7 inst., 2 p.m.
Yokohama & Amoy	Haichow	Tues., 8 inst., noon.

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